

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2, amend claims 1, 3, and 4, and add claim 5 as set forth below.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gaming machine comprising:
 - a liquid crystal display device including: a liquid crystal panel; and a light guiding plate in which formed with a light transmission area through which passes light and disposed at a rear of the liquid crystal panel, and configured to guide light emitted from illumination means for the liquid crystal panel to the liquid crystal panel;
 - a variable display device disposed at a rear of the liquid crystal display device and opposing to the light transmission area, and including a plurality of reels provided in a row each on which a plurality of symbols are arranged;
 - light emission means disposed in a proximity of the light transmission area on a side of the reel;
 - a drive unit configured to drive the light emission means; and
 - a protective member configured to cover the drive unit and at least a portion of the light emission means, said protective member having an outer shape so as to be distant that is separated from the drive unit at at least a predetermined distance or more.
2. (CANCELED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The gaming machine as claimed in ~~claim 2~~claim 1, wherein the protective member is formed in a shape to diffuse the light emitted by the light emission part.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The gaming machine as claimed in ~~claim 2~~claim 1, wherein the protective member is formed of a material that dif fuses the light emitted by the light emission part.
5. (NEW) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer shape of said protective member is separated from the drive unit at at least a predetermined distance to avoid an effect on the driver unit by an external magnetic force.